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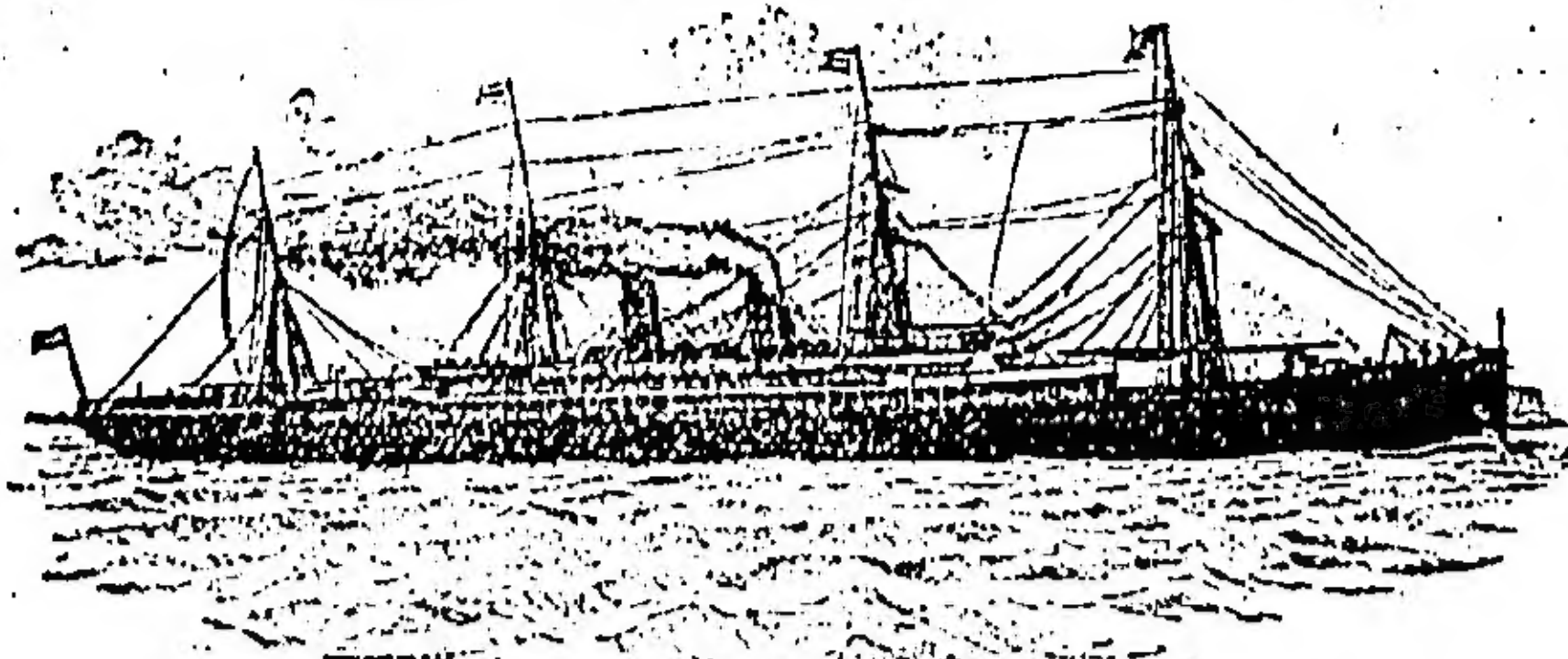
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Walden	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
SUEVIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	30th June.	Freight.
Forck	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
NURNBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	14th July.	Freight.
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By Order,

CHAD. KEW,

Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1903.

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Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [1355c]

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

**MARRIAGE.**  
At the Presbyterian Church, Penang, on the 25th ult. by the Rev. John S. McKnight, M.A., assisted by the Rev. Wm. Murray, M.A., Singapore, GEORGE WILLIAMSON PARK, M.B., C.M., B.S.C., Municipal Health Officer, Penang, to JEANIE ALLAN ROHM, only daughter of John Stronach, Esq., Penang.

**The Hongkong Telegraph**

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1903.

**FIRE IN 1902.**

It will be recollected that, giving it as a cause of the inadequacy of the Colony's water supply, the Fire Insurance Association resolved to increase the premium on fire policies in respect of Chinese risks, by 25 per cent. This called for some protest on the part of the assured, and at the meetings of the land owning companies a hint was thrown out that if this surcharge on the fire premium was going to be adopted, unreasonably as it was considered to be in the opinion of property owners, it might be deemed necessary for these companies to establish an insurance fund of their own. The Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited, was the first to show the way to meet the extra demand which the Fire Insurance Association was to impose upon them by carrying a resolution transferring the money, hitherto appropriated as a reserve by the Company, to a special insurance fund to cover risks on their Chinese property. Without expressing one way or another the expediency or otherwise of large property owners accepting risks on their own account when there are recognised offices for such a purpose, we are much struck by the figures revealed in the report of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade for last year which are printed in the *Gazette* and reproduced by us in another column of this issue. A record of 76 fires and 95 incipient fires during the twelve months is one sufficiently large to indicate that some more drastic measures must be taken with a view to minimising the loss incidental to any outbreak which may have for its inception the nefarious practice of the incendiary. The estimated amount of damage caused by the fires during 1902 attained the enormous total of \$2,144,916.50, or upwards of three times the amount in 1901, when there were 58 outbreaks involving damage to the amount of \$630,381. In 1900, 51 fires occurred and the damage caused was estimated at \$130,599, while in the year previous, when the number of conflagrations was 34, the estimated damage was put down at \$829,814, which included \$300,000 as the result of an outbreak on December 22 when three godowns next to Hing Lung Lane were destroyed. Going back another six years we find that the number of fires with the estimated amount of property destroyed is as follows:—1898, 16 fires, \$350,017.74 damage; 1897, 26 fires, \$177,150 damage; 1896, 30 fires, \$105,595 damage; 1895, 35 fires, \$297,980 damage; 1894, 29 fires, \$322,650 damage; and 1893, 36 fires, \$208,210 damage. To bring the charge of arson home to any culprit is not a task that can be easily accomplished. Take, for instance, the case cited by Mr. Bodeley in his report. He says that "a case of attempted arson was discovered at 335, Des Vaux Road West on the morning of the 6th December by P. C. 382 Ng Luk. The fire had already got a good hold of the boarding of the staircase and the constable with quick presence of mind beat out the fire with his cape. He then examined the place and found some apparatus obviously intended to produce arson, but there was not sufficient evidence to prosecute any person." It is sufficiently evident from this case and those which have come before the public in magisterial investigations of fires that there are those who would not hesitate to set a building alight after covering their property with a sufficiently large amount of insurance provided they thought the risk of detection attending such an undertaking could be reduced to a minimum. A more judicious selection of risks on the part of the fire insurance companies is probably one of the most effective measures which can be taken to discourage any attempt by would-be incendiaries to prosecute their trade attended, at it is, with so much danger to life and property.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

INWARD Parcels by s.s. *Valetta* are now ready for delivery.

Watch for C. E. LeMunyon's locals in this paper in a few days.—*Advt.*

No dog brought from Hanoi will be permitted to land in the Colony for a period of six months, from the 8th inst.

The name of Mr. E. A. R. Laing has been added to the official list of Justices of the Peace resident in the Colony.

Sir Francis Jervis has directed that a writ of sequestration should be issued in general terms against the estate of Lady Granville Gordon.

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

Keep your eyes open for C. E. LeMunyon's locals.—*Advt.*

SOME disgraceful "ragging" incidents are reported to have taken place at one of the theological colleges at Cambridge University.

WHIT Monday, the 1st June, will be observed as a holiday in the Government Offices with the exception of the Police Magistrate's Department.

THE date after which occupiers of land in Survey District No. XVI, New Territories, shall be deemed trespassers has been fixed as the 31st inst.

THE vacant land on the Praya Reclamation opposite the Central Market is to be leased for one year, commencing from the 1st June. Readers are invited.

MR. S. T. Dunn has been appointed as the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department of Hongkong in the place of Mr. Charles Ford, retired.

On April 26th, the British Consular Court in Siam ceased to exist. In lieu thereof is His Britannic Majesty's Court for Siam, over which Mr. W. J. Archer, C.M.G., presides as judge.

DURING the months of April, there were 4725 inches of rain recorded at the Hongkong Observatory. The highest temperature recorded was 83.5 degrees on the 22nd of that month, and the lowest 61.7 degrees, on the 31d.

CORRESPONDENCE has been published relating to the British Government's determination, with regard to the Brussels Sugar Convention, not to penalise in any way bounty-fed sugar going into the United Kingdom from British Colonies.

THE matter of water supply is severely exercising the public mind at Saigon, where, beyond a system of wells, there appears to be no comprehensive method of supply. *Le Courrier Saigonais*, of the 18th April heads its first article "Saigon sans Eau," and points to the considerable increase in the garrison as making the subject a matter of extreme urgency.

A MEETING of the Justices of the Peace will be held at the Magistracy, at 2.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 19th inst., for the purpose of considering an application from Mr. H. Ruttonjee for the transfer of his publican's license to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situate at 40 to 44, Elgin Road, Kowloon, under the sign of "The Occidental Hotel," to Mr. J. D. M. Cameron.

C. E. LeMunyon has an announcement to make to you very shortly; watch for it.—*Advt.*

THE Dika Court at Bangkok has given judgment for Messrs. Ramsay & Co. against Prince Sanprasat for T.S. 31958, for goods supplied by the firm to the Prince on private and Government account. The suit opened as long ago as 1896 in the court of Foreign causes, and was taken in turn through the various appeal courts, till the final decision was given by the Dika or Privy Council court.

A TELEGRAM from Haiphong to the *Courier Saigonais* states that the Governor-General of French Indo-China has decided on the immediate construction of the railway line from Vinh to Hanoi, Pachimboon, Savannakhet and on the right bank of the Mekong, Ubon, connecting with the Bangkok Korat line. The *Bangkok Times* says that the interesting point of the communication is the "immediate construction."

It is announced that M. H. Charpentier, the distinguished engineer who returned to France some months ago from a mining mission in French Indo-China and the eastern extremity of the Chinese Empire, has been charged with a similar undertaking in Russian Turkestan, near the western frontier in China between Amou-Daria and the plateau of Pamir. The Russian Government is stated to be desirous of substituting the coal existing in that region for the petroleum brought at great expense from the Caucasus for the service of the Trans-Caspian railway.

THE following returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th April, as certified by the managers of the respective Banks, are published in the *Government Gazette*:—

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,.....	\$3,467,623	\$1,750,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,.....	10,377,098	7,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited,.....	447,343	150,000
Total,.....	\$14,292,064	\$8,900,000

THE Russian Black Sea Volunteer Fleet has been ordered to refuse cargoes, and to prepare to mobilise. The ships of the Russian "Volunteer Fleet" are, in peace-time, merchantmen, which can in time of war be armed and used as cruisers. They provide for the regular traffic between Odessa, Vladivostok, and Port Arthur, and run, in addition, the tea trade and passenger traffic between China and the Black Sea, besides being employed in peace as transports for troops, particularly for carrying recruits and reserves between Odessa and Batoum. The "Volunteer Fleet" is under the Russian Admiralty, but has its own management and capital. Guns are stored for the various vessels. The fleet now consists of nineteen vessels, all of which were built in England.

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Watch C. E. LeMunyon's announcement in this paper.—*Advt.*

It is reported that the Italian Government is organising a direct steamship line from Genoa to Australasia, hoping to attract German exports via Genoa.

LORD Northcote, Governor of Bombay, after visiting the hinterland of Aden, recommends the construction of a railway from Aden to Ouhala, thus tapping the richest part of Arabia and providing a sanatorium. His lordship also proposes to otherwise develop the commercial possibilities of Aden.

A SQUADRON of German dragons crossed the French frontier at Arrasville, and marched 50 yards beyond it, while the captain of the squadron described the bearings of the surrounding country. The Prefect of Nancy informed General Andre, the French Minister of War, of the occurrence.

It is reported from the German settlement in China that the German brewery of beer at Tientsin (Kianchow) has at last succeeded in producing a beer which is quite able to stand any competition with the home product. It is made only of hops and malt, has a fine taste and good appearance. A company is being founded, with a large capital, to extend the undertaking.

WHILE a train was travelling on the Great Eastern Railway from Harwich to London, a passenger, a Dutchman, made some insulting remarks in reference to Queen Alexandra. The Dutchman's observations so provoked another passenger, a Queenslander, that a fight occurred, and the Dutchman was severely handled. On arrival at Broad-street both combatants were arrested. Their faces were then covered with blood.

HARRY A. Brown, a master mariner, was charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp this morning with being a vagrant, and was sent to the house of detention. It will be remembered that about three months ago Brown was charged with stealing a markintosh from the Hongkong Club. Three weeks later he was again charged, by two military officers at Kowloon with stealing a watch and other articles from the mess, and for this offence was sentenced to one month's hard labour. He was recently discharged, but was re-arrested for the above offence.

MORE than a dozen launches are now laid up in Manila for repairs consequent on the criminal carelessness of the native "engineers" and "firemen," who, caring more about their fiesta, chow, and "oh! listen to the band" excitement, permitted the property of others to take care of itself. A partial estimate of the damage done in the course of two weeks is as follows:—*Colon*, \$2,000; *Alice*, \$1,000; *Frisco*, \$1,000; *Eleon*, \$1,000; *Lucas*, \$500. This does not include the demurrage on the launches nor the costs which will accrue on the Philippines.—*Ex.*

Keep track of C. E. LeMunyon's locals.—*Advt.*

SAVS a London wire of 16th ult:—The case of Whitaker Wright, of the London and Globe Finance Corporation, who is now under arrest at New York on a charge of issuing a fraudulent balance-sheet, etc., was again before the New York Police Court yesterday. Evidence on behalf of the British Government, which is applying for his extradition, was given, stating that an unsigned message from Wormley was sent to him at Havre, warning Wright that things were looking bad. Wright afterwards telegraphed to his wife: "Give Florence £500."

H. M. 1st class cruiser *Europa* 11,000 tons, L.H.P. 16,500, N.D., commanded by Captain Ommannay R.N., is due here to-morrow with the new crew. H.M.S. *Rinaldo* left the port this morning for Weihaiwei thence to Nagasaki, Hakodate and sealing patrol. H.M.S. *Fearless* is expected to leave on the same route to-morrow. H.M.S. *Ocean* will leave Mils Bay in a few days in order to arrive at Weihaiwei on the 12th June. H.M.S. *Exhilarate* is expected to arrive here on the 15th prox for refit. H.M.S. *Pique* is at present at Singapore, and will leave there for England on the arrival of the *Siras* which is expected at that port on the 20th inst.

A SPORTING contributor informs us that Mr. Frost, the 2nd engineer of the *Empress* liner now in port, has challenged Sam Bentley, of the *Albion*, to meet him in a few days in a contest for the championship. From what we gather Bentley has been out of training as he is shortly leaving for home and does not consider himself justified in accepting a challenge on a notice of two or three days. He thinks Frost should have written him a week or so ago to enable him to get fit by the time the *Empress* arrived and although there are several well-known gentlemen prepared to back him heavily he is not inclined to go into the ring. In a climate such as we have in Hongkong one cannot be expected to keep fit and be prepared to meet all comers at short notice.

BEFORE Mr. J. H. Kemp this morning, Sergt. Kerr had no less than six natives charged with having in their possession a large quantity of clothing reasonably suspected of having been stolen. This gang, for some time past, has had many victims, and rented the third floor of No. 316 Queen's Road Central as head quarters. Yesterday evening the sergeant, after seeing that the members of the gang had all gone into the premises, raided the place and arrested the six men. About 100 to 120 pawn tickets, with a face value of about \$300 were discovered, together with knives used for slitting pockets, chisels, crow-bars, jimmies and other house-breaking implements. The Magistrate adjourned the case for a week, in order to let the sergeant secure further information bearing on the case.

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THERE has been a terrible outbreak of small-pox at Saghalien, says a London wire of 14th ult. The burials scarcely keep pace with the deaths.

IN Neutral Bay, Australia, there was recently moored a small barque-rigged vessel, with a short funnel, and generally presenting an offensive appearance. The vessel was a Russian cruiser named the *Djiguit* (pronounced *Jajet*), bound from Kronstadt to Port Arthur.

THE wonderful clearness of the atmosphere during the past two days has been the subject of a good deal of comment, says the *Straits Times*. It is alleged that more stars are visible than have ever hitherto been seen there. This should prove of interest to the authorities, who are compiling a new fresh declination table, the old one being now somewhat out of date.

THE first-class armoured cruiser *Aurora* was ordered by the Admiralty to be commissioned on April 22 for active service. The *Aurora*, which was last employed on the China Station, has been reported ready to have the works of Messrs. J. Brown and Co., Clydebank, Glasgow, on the completion of a thorough overhaul and repairs to her hull and machinery.

WE have to record the death, which occurred last Wednesday, of Inspector McMichael who had been in the employ of the Sanitary Board for the past three years. We understand that he came to the Colony eight years ago, and was for some time chief warder at the Victoria Gaol, after which he was employed at the Quarry Bay works, and subsequently joined the Sanitary Board.

A FOREIGN Office paper on the estimates of the German Empire for the year 1903 notes that provision is made for the creation of a Minister Resident at Seoul; Shanghai is to receive an increased provision for a Vice-Consul and an Archivist, Singapore is to become a Consulate-General, and a regular officer is to be appointed at Saigon. A vote is asked for consulates at Hankow and Canton, and for the purchase of ground at Nanking, on which a new German consulate is to be erected.

AFTER a lapse of over seven years, peacefully following the calling of a mendicant, Pastano, a Dutch-Malay, was brought before Mr. J. H. Kemp this morning by a burly Sikh for soliciting alms from passers-by. Pastano has been a familiar object to all Hongkongites, and many have been the coins tossed to him by charitable persons. His field of operations was confined to Hollywood Road, Old Bailey and I. J. J. Terrace. In a pitiable story he unfolded to the Magistrate, Pastano stated that he was once a seaman, but owing to a fall which deprived him of the use of his legs and necessitated him using crutches he could obtain no employment, and in order to keep his wife and himself he was forced to beg. His wife managed to eke out a living by sewing. After this story, he left the entire matter in the hands of the Magistrate. Mr. J. H. Kemp stated that as this was the first time the man had been before him for begging, he would be discharged with a caution, but should he be brought up again, he would send him to prison without the option of a fine. Pastano replied that he could do nothing but beg, in order to earn a living, and as both his legs were cut off from the knee, he could not even go about properly. After due consideration the Magistrate ordered him to the Captain Superintendent of Police with a view to see what the Government could do for him.

**THE MORRIS CASE.**

MR. R. P. Moffit, the defaulting secretary of the Dairy Farm, is expected here in the course of next week, per the *Indrapura* in charge of Sergeant Erner. The case in which Mr. Moffit is charged with misappropriating sums amounting to over \$10,000, is down for hearing at the Magistracy on Friday, 15th inst.

**LAN TAO TRESPASSERS.**

According to a Government notification printed in the *Gazette* the 15th inst. has been fixed as the date after which all persons in occupation of land in the Island of Lan Tao shall be deemed trespassers against the Crown unless such occupation is authorized by grant from the Crown, or by other title allowed by the Court under the provisions of section 15 of the New Territories Land Court Ordinance, 1900.

**SALVAGE REMUNERATION.**

IN the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division the case has been heard of the owners, master and crew of the *Afghanistan* v. La Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes. It was an action to recover salvage remuneration under an agreement whereby the London steamship *Afghanistan* rendered assistance to the defendant company's steamship *Matapan* in the Red Sea in October last. The *Afghanistan*, on Oct. 21, fell in with the *Matapan* flying signals of distress. That vessel, which was bound from Marseilles to Madagascar and Cochinchina with general cargo, had broken her thrust shaft four days previously, and her master asked to be towed to Suez. It was arranged that the *Afghanistan* should undertake the service for a sum of £4,000. The defendants admitted the services, but said that the amount of £4,000 insisted on by the captain of the *Afghanistan* was unreasonable and exorbitant, and that the agreement was made under compulsion, and that it ought therefore to be set aside. His Lordship gave judgment upholding the agreement. He apportioned the £4,000 as follows: £1,500 to the owners of the *Afghanistan*, £1,000 to her master and £1,500 to the crew. Judgment accordingly, with costs.

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**THE KWANGSI FAMINE.**

TELEGRAM FROM GOVERNOR WONG.

The following is a translation of a telegram from Wang Chou, Governor of Kwangsi, to the Governor of Hongkong:—

While at Tsun Chow I received a telegram from Consul Fong informing me that in consequence of the famine in the various districts in Wuchow, Tsam Chow and Yung Chow, Your Excellency had despatched Mr. Clementi to proceed thither to make investigation and distribute rice amongst my people without distinction of race or creed. In this Your Excellency shows unbounded kindness and on behalf of the millions of starving people it is my bounden duty to thank Your Excellency. Mr. Clementi had personally interviewed me at Tsun Chow and shortly afterwards he arrived at Yung Chow.

With regard to the relief rice which you have already sent, I have despatched a steam launch to tow it up to Tsun Chow, and I have also ordered all the officials along the route to afford all necessary protection and assistance, and have further given instructions to all likin stations to totally exempt the rice from all likin charges. This has already been put on record. But I have read from Hongkong newspapers statements asserting that in this Province we were not willing to waive likin charges. These statements are without foundation and are utterly unreasonable. As Your Excellency, moved by your well-known charitable feeling for those in distress, has come forward to save the lives of the famine stricken people I feel truly and deeply grateful to you. Is it reasonable that I should still tax this rice? I trust Your Excellency will not believe such mis-statements, and beside thanking you in a written despatch, I send this telegram in the first instance to thank you.

Subscription lists will be found at the following places:—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong Club, Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong Dispensary, Messrs. Brewer & Co., Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Messrs. Lane Crawford & Co., and at the German Club.

Sir C. P. Chao, C.M.G., and Mr. J. R. M. Smith are the hon. treasurers.

**THE TROUBLE IN KWANGSI.**

REPORTED BATTLE NEAR NANNING

(From Our Correspondent)

CANTON, May 8th.

News continue to slowly filter into Canton from the affected districts of Kwangsi, and latest intelligence to hand reports that the rebels intend of making small raids are driven by want of food into organizing concentrated attacks upon the Imperial troops and robbing the districts of all rice and food stuffs. People arriving from the province and private letters received by the merchants state it is evident that the situation is of a very grave nature. A few days since a force of Imperial Chinese troops were camped some 60 miles to the south of Nanning and were attacked by a section of the rebels numbering some 1,000 to 3,000. A desperate fight is said to have ensued, and by means of repeating Mausers and a large gun, supposed to be a Maxim, managed to beat off the attacking forces with considerable loss of life on both sides. Such warfare as this must be totally different to the mountain side skirmishes or attacks on isolated villages which have previously taken place in this district. From what I have been able to gather the rising in Kwangsi and along the borders of Kwangtung is not so much due to the reform scheme, promised by the projectors of the recently discovered plot in Canton and South China, as to the action of influential Chinese in the district who, while not taking an active part in the movement, influence the outlaws, and rubbers around the district and preach sedition and death to the *fankuai*, who has destroyed their crops. That they are fairly well led there is no doubt, as is seen by the many successes that are reported, for each of which there are no doubt many suppressed. Although having been carried on for a long period the rising may collapse as quickly as it sprang up, but my informants tell me the leaders are in earnest and providing they keep up the supply of ammunition they may give the new Viceroy endless trouble. It is impossible even to guess what will take place unless some definite steps are made at suppression. But if this is the nucleus of a determined revolt in Kwangsi and is attended with success it is a moral certainty that Kwangtung will not keep the peace.

**EXPORTATION OF ARMS.**

A proclamation published in the *Gazette* prohibits, for a further period of six months from and including the 28th inst., the exportation or carrying coastwise within the Colony of Hongkong, arms, ammunitions, etc.

**THE PLAGUE.**

During the twenty-four hours ended at noon yesterday 11 further cases of bubonic plague, making 539 since January 1st, were reported.

**SHIPPING AND MAILS.**

MAILS DUE.

German (*Bayern*) 12th inst.  
Indian (*Lightning*) 13th inst.  
German (*Stuttgart*) 21st inst.  
Indian (*Kumang*) 22nd inst.  
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 29th inst.

The A. L. S. N. Co's s.s. *China* left Kobe via Moji for this port to-day.  
The China & Manilla S.S. Co's s.s. *Manila* will leave Manila at 10th inst., and is due here 14th inst., at noon.  
The B. T. B. Co's s.s. *Lyna* sailed from Victoria for Vladivostok, Port Arthur, Dalny and Tokyo, on 6th inst.  
The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Stettin* carrying the German Mails will depart from Berlin on the 18th ult., left Colombo 8th inst., and may be expected here 19th inst.

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## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

## The Transvaal Loan.

LONDON, 7th May.  
Lombard Street was chiefly occupied yesterday in preparing for the Transvaal loan. Bankers and Discount Houses have harboured all funds, and loans due to the Bank of England are being renewed; funds arriving from the Continent are also being reserved for the loan.

## The Near East.

In consequence of the recent outrages at Salonika, the Porte has sent a strong protest to Bulgaria protesting against the ineffectual surveillance of the frontier.

## The Kaiser.

The Kaiser has left Rome.

## The Transvaal Loan.

Thirty millions of the Transvaal loan, out of the £35,000,000 sanctioned will be issued at par, bearing interest at 5 per cent. The loan will be repayable in 1953 by a one per cent sinking fund. There was an unprecedented scene in connection with the loan; a crowd of a thousand were at the gates of the Bank early in the morning, though the prospectus was to be issued only in the afternoon.

## OVERCROWDING IN THE COLONY.

## PROPOSED MEETING OF PROPERTY OWNERS.

Property owners will be interested to learn that a meeting of all owners of property in the Colony will be held in the Sanitary Board room on Monday, the 19th instant, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of considering the sections of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903 (Public Health and Buildings), relating to overcrowding and the requirements to be observed with regard to cubicles or rooms in existing buildings. The two sections of the Ordinance are numbered 46 and 154, respectively. We reproduce those sections below. They are as follows:—

## OVERCROWDING.

46. Every domestic building and any part thereof found to be inhabited in excess of a proportion of one adult for every fifty square feet of habitable floor space or superficial area and five hundred and fifty cubic feet of clear and unobstructed internal air space shall be deemed to be in an overcrowded condition:

Provided that every domestic building being within the European Reservation, or within the Hill District, and any part thereof, which is occupied by more than one person to every one thousand cubic feet (if clear internal space, shall be deemed to be in an overcrowded condition, with the exception of quarters occupied by servants which may be inhabited in the proportion of one adult to every fifty square feet of floor space or superficial area and five hundred and fifty cubic feet of clear and unobstructed internal air space.

And provided further that any cubicle in any existing domestic building which has a window or windows opening directly into the external air of a total glazed area of not less than one-tenth of the floor area of such cubicle may be inhabited in a proportion not exceeding one adult for every thirty square feet of habitable floor space or superficial area and four hundred cubic feet of clear and unobstructed internal air space.

## CUBICLES.

154. The following requirements shall be observed with regard to cubicles or rooms in existing buildings:—

(1). No cubicle or room which is not provided with a window or windows or a skylight opening directly into the external air and having a total glazed area of not less than one-tenth of the floor area of such cubicle or room, may be erected or, if already erected be maintained in any part of any domestic building.

(2). No cubicle shall have a less floor area than sixty-four square feet, and a less length or width than seven feet.

(3). There shall be a space between the top of every portion of the partition walls of every cubicle and the ceiling or underside of the supports of the floor above or of the roof as the case may be of not less than four feet, which space may be closed only by wire netting, lattice work or carved wood-work arranged in such a way as to leave at least two-thirds open and as far as practicable evenly distributed.

Provided that in the case of existing buildings the Governor in Council shall have power, in special cases, to modify the requirements of this section in respect to the external air upon such conditions as may be deemed expedient.

## THE PO LEUNG KUK SOCIETY.

## REPORT FOR 1902.

The report of the above institution for 1902 is printed in the *Government Gazette* as follows:—The following twelve gentlemen were elected to act as the Managing Committee for the year 1902:—

Lau Wan-kai, Ng Kon-hing, Chan Tsok-ping, Chan King-ting, Wong Sik-ning, Yung Siu-po, Li Yau-tsun, Au Kin-tin, Chau Siu-ki, Chiu Chung-hau, Wong Tsz-ying, and Un Fung-tsun.

Mr. Lau Wai-chuen and Mr. Wei Long-shan continued to act as treasurers. A statement of the assets and liabilities of the Society and a declaration by the treasurers, and two statements showing the working account, and revenue and expenditure during the year are attached. The balance to the credit of the Society on the 31st December was \$16,124.44.

## ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER.

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compared with \$15,217.19 on the corresponding day of 1901. The actual sum spent by the Managing Committee on the work of the Society was \$7,563.98, as compared with \$5,413.36 in 1901. The subscriptions during the year amounted to \$7,248.25, compared with \$6,823.50 in 1901. The Man Mo Temple increased its subscription to \$2,182.25. Mr. Ho Wing-tsun and Mr. Tim Chung Ping have kindly audited the account.

The Visiting Justices during the year have been Captain Anderson and Mr. Chan A. Fuk. Four hundred and ninety-four women, ninety-three girls and thirty small boys were admitted during the year. A return attached to this report shows what steps were taken with regard to them.

The inmates of the Home receive daily instruction in elementary subjects, and they are able to earn some pocket-money by needlework in their spare time.

A report by Dr. J. C. Thomson on the sanitary conditions of the buildings and on the health of the inmates is attached.

During the year the accommodation provided in the Home has been sufficient, but on previous years it has sometimes proved insufficient. It is proposed to increase the accommodation by taking over part of the buildings adjoining the Po Leung Kuk which are now occupied by the Tung Wa Hospital, this arrangement being rendered possible by the new extension of the Tung Wa Hospital.

C. M. C. MESSER,

President.

Ho Kai,

Vice-President.

Po Leung Kuk,

Hongkong, 13th February, 1903.

Sir,—I have the honour to report, for the information of the Registrar-General, that the health of the inmates of the Po Leung Kuk has throughout the last year been exceptionally good.

The sanitary state of the Institution is satisfactory. The dormitories are maintained in a clean and orderly condition. The food supplied is wholesome and sufficient.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN C. THOMSON, M.D., M.A.

Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Principal Civil Medical Officer, &amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

## HONGKONG FIRE BRIGADE.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade has issued his report for 1902, as follows:—

FIRE BRIGADE DEPARTMENT.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1903.

Sir,—I have the honour to submit the following report on the Government Fire Brigade for the year 1902.

1. There were 76 Fires and 95 Incipient Fires during the year. Details regarding each are attached. The Brigade turned out 70 times during the year.

2. The estimated damages caused by the Fires was \$2,144.95, and by the Incipient Fires \$1,159.50.

3. A list is attached showing the number of Fires that have occurred during each of the last ten years, with the estimated value of property destroyed in each case.

4. The water in the mains was turned off from 11th November, 1901, to 24th May last, and again from 1st November last, during which period the steam engines and sea water were used.

5. Two large fires occurred during the period of intermittent water supply. That of the 29th March was the largest conflagration that has taken place for several years. The fire broke out at No. 280, Queen's Road Central, at about 3.10 a.m., and fanned by a strong breeze quickly spread across the street and up the hill. Before water was available a large area was in flames. By 7 a.m. it was well under control, though it continued to smoulder for many days; 47 houses in all were wholly or partially destroyed, and the total damage was estimated at \$90,000, most of which was covered by insurance.

Another large fire occurred on the 19th May in Wellington Street, near the Fire Brigade Station, which destroyed 15 houses.

6. Four Fires occurred in the Harbour during the year.

7. A case of attempted arson was discovered at No. 335, Des Vaux Road West on the morning of the 6th December by P.C. 381 Ng Luk. The fire had already got a good hold of the boarding of the staircase and the Constable with quick presence of mind beat out the fire with his cape. He then examined the place and found some apparatus obviously intended to produce arson, but there was not sufficient evidence to prosecute any person.

8. A prosecution for arson was instituted in respect of the Fire at No. 318, Queen's Road West, on the 26th December. The two defendants were found guilty and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment with hard labour at the Criminal Sessions.

9. I attach a list of places where Fire Dispatch Boxes are kept, and copy of report by the Engineer on the state of the Fire Engines, which are all in good order.

10. The conduct of the Brigade has been good.

11. I was appointed Superintendent of the Brigade from the 23rd April in succession to the Hon. F. H. May, and Captain F. W. Lyons, of the Perak Police, was appointed Assistant Superintendent and arrived on the 17th September last. Chief Inspector Mackie was appointed Second Assistant Superintendent from the 17th September.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. J. BADELEY,

Superintendent of Fire Brigade.

The Honourable

F. H. MAY, C.M.G.,

Colonial Secretary.

## TROPICAL LIFE AS IT AFFECTS LIFE ASSURANCE.

The vexed question of life assurance in the tropics, the extra premium charged, and the area of danger specified by the life-assurance offices, was dealt with recently at a meeting of the Life Assurance Medical Officers' Association in London. The one fact made evident to every one present at the meeting was that there is no information available to draw conclusions from or on which to build up reliable, or even approximately reliable, statistics.

To our Crown colonies and protectorates young men go out from Britain in the prime of life, and, for the most part, after being carefully inspected medically. When they get ill they may be "invalided home" or seek change of climate locally. Again, the most serious illness in tropical countries, namely, malaria, incapacitates more often than it kills, and the meaning of the death-rate returns of Europeans in the tropics cannot be gauged by the actuary who compounds his tables on information based on vital statistics collected in Britain. Even the carefully-compiled returns in Indian Army reports do not help us much, if at all, in arriving at a conclusion of any value.

Who drew up the present rules that most insurance offices affect is a mystery; they were most certainly not the work of experienced medical men; and if by accident, then they may truly be said to have been drawn up "on general principles" for there never existed, nor does there now exist, any reliable, or even approximately reliable, figures on which to ground an opinion. If by neither of these, therefore, on what are the extra premium charges based? There can be no doubt they were based on the most unreliable of all information, namely, gossip; or on the little-tattle of the old-time ship captain, who mostly gained his information from frequenters of river-side wharves or polluted barbers. It may be, however, impossible to individualise too closely, and perhaps the insurance offices are justified in that main. Most offices, however, declare "that they deal with each case individually," yet the "dangerous" area exists in their prospectuses. If each case is to be dealt with individually it would be but logical that the 33° N. and 30° S. limits ought to be withdrawn. The two statements are at variance.

Many of our large insurance offices tell us that they do not care to insure men going abroad to our colonies and dependencies. The business they desire is local, and most of them look askance at "lives" dwelling out of the British Isles. We do not consider this—what shall we say?—patriotic (for want of a better word). Of course business men in insurance offices will scout any such idea as being chimerical, even quixotic; they hold that they are private companies doing their best for their shareholders, and patriotism has no part in their dealings. Like the shipping companies, they will sell their rights to benefit the shareholders, even if the ships are lost to the flag; or, in the case of the insurance office, the money passes into other pockets. In this we cannot altogether blame them, but surely the insurance companies of the country owe a certain duty to the State. They are allowed to accumulate vast sums of public money, and the State has a right to know that they are acting in the interests of the people. We are an Empire of scattered units, and the communication becomes more intimate year by year. Business firms of any pretensions have their branches—or ought to have, if the foreigner is to be kept out—in some one or in several of our colonies. Intercourse with our colonies is the essence of Imperialism, and everything possible should be done to foster it. How, then, do these great public bodies, to whom so much of the Nation's money is entrusted, play their part? One company, with the word "Colonial" prominent in the name of the firm, states that it "does not encourage insurance business with men proceeding to our colonies." Another of the largest of our companies makes a similar assertion; and all, except a very few, look askance at business with persons proceeding abroad. This is a serious reflection on any British insurance company. If the insurance companies are to take their place in the imperial work before us, they must cease to be parochial in their notions as to remember that the State, having allowed them to accumulate a large part of the national wealth, requires of them national work. What is the consequence of their desire to "cash in"? The American companies step in. Soon after an uninsured Britisher sets foot in a colony, the omnipresent American insurance agent makes overtures, and more often than not secures a policy. The money goes to swell American coffers, and the British office—that is, Britain—is left all the poorer. And all this for what reason? Because British insurance offices have based their opinions as to the danger of modern life in the tropics on "gossip" of fifty years ago, and they affect to believe in dangerous and unhealthy areas of the globe on insufficient evidence.—*Journal of Tropical Medicine.*

## COMMERCIAL.

## RAUBS.

The Singapore Secretary of the Raub Australian G. M. Co. has received a telegram from Raub, stating that the crushing for the four weeks ending 25th April was 2,900 tons stone for 730 oz. smelted gold, an average of 5 dwts. 1 grain per ton.

## WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

In their share report, dated 8th inst., Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts state:—During the week, business has continued quiet and rates generally are much the same.

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G. Ginn.

as when we wrote last. The Shanghai Races are, to a certain extent, responsible for the dullness of our market.

The Hongkong Steam Water-Boat Company, Limited, has declared an Interim Dividend of six per cent. (60 cents per share) payable on the 16th May. The transfer books will be closed from the 13th to 16th inst. both days inclusive.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have ruled steady with sales at \$57. The sterling rate in London remains unaltered at £93. Nationals are without business but shares are in demand at \$253.

Marine Insurances.—Unions have declined and are obtainable at \$53. China Traders have been booked at \$60 and are still inquired for. North China has paid their interim dividend of £1 per share (say Tls. 9.6 & exchange 2/4) in Shanghai on the 1st inst. and we now quote the stock at Tls. 200 ex dividend. Cantons and Yangtzes are in demand at \$167 and Tls. 128 respectively.

Fire Insurances.—Hongkong Fires have advanced to \$310. China Fires have been fixed and more shares are wanted at \$83.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have been parted with at \$37. Indo-China has ruled quiet throughout the week and are on offer at \$108. Judgment in the *Zafro* case was given in favour of the China and Manila Steamship Company but, probably owing to the rumour of an appeal being lodged against the decision, shares are weaker and can be obtained at \$16. Douglas Steamships continue quiet at \$31. Star Ferries (old issue, are offering at \$28; the new shares have changed hands and can still be placed at \$15. Shell Transports have been negotiated at £1 5/5 and £1 6/6 closing in further request at the higher price. Shanghai Tugs have declined to Tls. 330 and there are sellers of Taku Tugs at Tls. 47. Cargo Boats have been done at Tls. 165.

Refiners.—China Sugars have changed hands at \$18. Lurons are quoted at \$12.

Mining.—Panjoms are still in the market at \$3. The following is the result of crushing for April: 115 tons Swah ore (advised previously) yielding 64 oz. of smelted gold, equivalent of 11.1 dwts. per ton; 1,800 tons of Kallimpong ore yielding 98 oz. of smelted gold, equivalent of 1.08 dwts. per ton. Total 1,915 tons for a yield of 162 oz. of smelted gold, valued at \$6,500. Raubs are easier and have sellers now at \$103. The mills ran 4 weeks in April crushing 2,900 tons of ore for a yield of 730 ounces of smelted gold. Jebeus have been done at \$14. Chinese Engineerings are unaltered and are obtainable at Tls. 71.

Docks, Wharves, and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have further improved and transactions at \$117 have taken place. Farnhams have dropped to Tls. 187 at which price shares are offering. Kowloon Wharfs have weakened and sales have been effected at \$92. Hongkong Wharfs are to be had at Tls. 297.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have been the medium of a fair business at \$169 and \$170. West Points have been done at \$32. Hongkong Hotels are on offer at \$149. Astor House Hotels are firmer and can be placed at \$39. Orient Hotels have changed hands at \$32. Humphreys' Estate have been disposed of and more shares are asked for at \$12. China Providents have found buyers at \$10.

Cotton Mills.—With the exception of a decline in Internationals to Tls. 39, there is no change to report in stocks under this heading.

Cigar Companies.—Nothing doing. Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have inquiries at \$23. A. S. Watsons have been dealt in at \$15, and Electric (old issue) have changed ownership at \$13. William Powells have been bought at \$10.10. Business in United Asbestos has been done at \$9. Langkats are offering at Tls. 320.

## FORTNIGHTLY MARKET REPORT.

Cotton.—No business is reported, market throughout the whole fortnight remained dull and depressed. Unsold stock is estimated at about 1,900 bales.

Yarn.—Rise in Exchange, impatience of importers to quit, and less anxiety on the part of the dealers to purchase, had the effect of a decline in prices. Business reported during the fortnight of about 2,500 bales at a decline of \$1 to \$6 on last month's prices. Unsold stock is estimated at about 29,000 bales. Local Mills' sales of about 400 bales of No. 10s at \$102 to \$101 are reported. Japanese about 400 bales changed hands of No. 20s at \$130 to \$127 per bale.

Malwa Opium.—During the past fortnight prices declined about 50 dollars and business was reported of Last Year's about 38 chests at \$960 to \$980; and Oldest about 34 chests at \$1,030 to \$1,075 per picul. The unsold stock is about 1,152 chests.

Bengal Opium.—Prices fluctuated and sales of Patna about 930 chests at \$995 to \$1,020 and Benares about 235 chests at \$985 to \$1,010 are reported. The unsold stock is about 2,485 chests.

Persian Opium.—No sales are reported. Market is weak. Stock is of about 2,927 chests. Exchange.—Various fluctuations have taken place. On London from Sh. 1.72d. to 1.81d. and on India from Rs. 123 to 129. Closing quotations are on London Sh. 1.81d.; on India at Rs. 124 1/2.

## MISCELLANEOUS QUOTATIONS.

	Price
Ivory	\$200 to \$220
Brax	19 1/2
Vitrolin	20
Vermilion	92
Cassia	22 to 30 1/2
Olibanum	6 to 25
Saltpetre	10 to 11
Senna	1 to 4
Cloves	12 to 26
Camphor	105 to 121

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## CONSOLS.

## CAUSES OF THE FALL IN PRICE.

According to a wire, dated 16th ult., Sir Edgar Vincent, M.P. (Conservative, Exeter) in a letter to the *Times*, attributes the fall in Consols to the flooding of the market with high-class British securities to the capacity of the public to absorb them. The admission of colonial securities to the rank of trustees' securities, and the large municipal loan issues are also, he considers, contributing causes. Sir Edgar Vincent is regarded as an authority on financial matters. In 1881 he was the English, Dutch, and Belgian representative on the Ottoman Debt Commission; from 1883 to 1889 was Financial Adviser to the Government of Egypt, and from 1889 to 1897 Governor of the Imperial Ottoman Bank at Constantinople.

## SHIPPING AND FREIGHT.

The past week has not been productive of better prospects in the freight market, and a further decline must be reported. From Saigon to Hongkong, 19 cents per picul was realised, but this is since declined to 17 cents per picul, the cargo chiefly consisting of rice flour; to 1 port Philippines, 30 cents, per picul last; to Java and Japan, there is no inquiry. Wuhu to Canton, 24 cents per picul offering. Newchwang to Canton, 25 cents per picul; to Amoy, 29 cents per picul last.

Coal freights remain weak. Moji to Hongkong, \$1.95 last and unguage now freely offering at \$1.85; to Singapore, \$1.25 per ton. With regard to sailing vessels as stated last week the Swedish bark *Dhruva* has been chartered to load here for New York, at \$1.850. The British bark *Forthbank* is chartered hence for Callag, at \$2,000 in full. Six sailing vessels registering 9,342 tons are disengaged in port.

## YARN MARKET REPORT.

In their fortnightly report dated the 8th inst. Messrs. Cawesee, Pellanjee & Co. write:—

Since the issue of our last circular dated the 24th ultimo, advice of a limited demand from consuming districts together with the extreme impatience on the part of the importers to realize and to take advantage of the rising exchange, caused a great depression in our Yarn Market, and prices have declined from dollars five to six in almost all counts and descriptions. Arrivals have been very large and the Chinese dealers think that a further great reduction in values will be seen ere long. Business reported during the fortnight was for actual requirements only. Settlements are reported in selected threads of No. 20s at a decline of \$4 to \$5 on last quotations, and a very moderate business transpired in this count for actual requirements. Nos. 16s and 12s move very slowly and prices have receded \$4 to \$5 per bale. Several of the selected threads of No. 10s were placed in the market, and fetched \$4 to \$6 less than last mail. Nos. 6s and 8s are altogether neglected. The market closes very weak and much depressed. Sales during the past fortnight consist of about 1,600 bales Nos. 10s—275 bales of No. 12s—100 bales of No. 16s—and 525 bales of No. 20s, in all about 2,500 bales. Arrivals per steamers *Suisang*, *Arratoon*, *Apar*, *Ischin*, *Luisang*, *Tientin*, and *Valitta*, about 20,500 bales. Shipments to Shanghai and the Northern ports nil. The unsold stock is estimated at about 29,000 bales.

Local Productions.—Sales of about 400 bales of No. 10s at \$102 to \$101 are reported in the market.

Japanese Yarn.—A drop of \$5 is noticeable and about 450 bales of No. 20s changed hands at \$130 to \$127 per bale.

Exchange.—During the whole of the fortnight a violent fluctuation in Exchange was noticeable. We close to-day on India at Rs. 126 1/2 London at Sh. 1/8 1/16 S.

## YESTERDAY'S EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer	11 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	18 3/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	18 1/2
D'ments 4 months' sight	8 1/2
ON BERLIN, (demand)	11.72 1/2
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand	2.11 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	2.13 1/2
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	123 1/2
Credits, 30 days' sight	123 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	12 1/2
On demand	12 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	7 1/2
Private 30 days' sight	7 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	8.24
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	\$ 1.75
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tola	nom.
Rar Silver	24 1/16

## OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—

	Per chest
MALWA OLD	\$ 930/960
OLDEST	1,040/1,070
PATNA NEW	1,010
BENARES NEW	1,000
PERSIAN (PAPER)	Nominal

## To-day's Advertisements.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of May, 1903, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of ONE LOT of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 21 Years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.				Area in Acres, Roods, and Perches.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
		N.	E.	S.	W.			
1	Adjoining Island Lot No. 1,000, bounded by the Victoria Road.	45	95	143	3,000	6	150	

Hongkong, 9th May, 1903. 1569e

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## To-day's Advertisements.

## THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Connaught Road, at NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th MAY, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1903.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 20th May, both days inclusive.

R. MACGOWAN, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1903. 1568e

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR MANILA.

## THE Company's Steamship



## Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LD.  
AND  
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LD.

## JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.  
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL AND FOR CONTINENT.

## OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AJAX"	On 11th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ALCINOUS"	On 13th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	On 25th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 1st June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"YANGTSE"	On 4th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"	On 9th June.

S.S. "AJAX" left Singapore 6th instant and is due here 11th instant, p.m.

## HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ABERDEEN	"JASON"	On 12th May.
"LIVERPOOL, via GENOA	"AGAMEMNON"	On 17th May.
LONDON	"PATROCLUS"	On 26th May.
"LONDON	"CALCHAS"	On 4th June.
"LIVERPOOL, via GENOA	"HYSON"	On 12th June.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ABERDEEN	"ALCINOUS"	On 23rd June.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ABERDEEN	"ANTENOR"	On 7th July.

\* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"AJAX"	On 13th May.

S.S. "ACHILLES" from Seattle and Tacoma left Moji at daylight on the 9th inst. and is expected here 13th instant.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1903.

## CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"HUMAN"	13th May.
CEBU and ILOILO	"KWEIYANG"	16th "
SAMARANG and SOERABAYA	"HANYANG"	18th "
MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	20th "
THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, IRIS, BANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TSINAN"	22nd "
	"TSINAN"	22nd "

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CHINA AND MANILA  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT)	Saturday, 16th May, at 10 A.M.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	Saturday, 23rd May, at 10 A.M.
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty		

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1903.

## PORTLAND &amp; ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

## PORTLAND OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

## THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRAPURA"	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	May 22, 1903.
"INDRASAMHA"	4,197	R. P. Craven	June 14.
"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	W. E. Craven	July 14.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

## OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations.	Steamers.	Captains.	Sailing Dates.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 10th May.
FOR ANPING	"MAIZURU MARU"	T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 13th May.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 17th May.
FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 20th May.

\* Via Swatow and Amoy.

The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duty qualified doctor is carried.

All steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's.

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By the Co's steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co's Local Branch Office, at No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1903.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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## Shipping—Steamers.

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1903. [325]

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Passage Fare, \$4 Single Journey. Meals \$1 each.

The Company's Wharf is West of the Hongkong Harbour Master's Office.

## SHIU ON S.S. CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [322c]

## WING ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

## THE Steamship

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Departures from HONGKONG to MACAO, Daily, at 7.30 A.M. SUNDAY including. Departures from MACAO to HONGKONG, Daily, at 2 P.M. SUNDAY including. This Steamer is the fastest and has Superior Cabin Accommodation.

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2nd "	.....70
3rd "	.....30

\* Further Particulars may be obtained at the Office of the

WING ON STEAMSHIP CO.,  
No. 42, Bonham Strand West.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1903. [87c]

## STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK

## VIA SUEZ CANAL.

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THE "Shire" Line

S.S. "PEMBROKESHIRE" will be despatched on or about FRIDAY, the 15th May.

The American Asiatic S.S. Co.'s "NORMAN ISLES" will be despatched on or about MONDAY, the 15th June.

For Freight, &c., apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
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Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [482c]

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## MANILA LINE.

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## Captain.

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N. Tale

3,876

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3,869

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For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, Ice House Street.

K. NAKASHIMA, Manager.

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## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

## THE Company's Steamship

"THALES," will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 12th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1903. [566c]

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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## THE Company's Steamship

"LAISANG," will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon.

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Hongkong, 7th May, 1903. [561c]

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## THE Company's Steamship

"HEATHFORD," will be despatched on or about 25th May.

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Hongkong, 29th April, 1903. [534c]

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Taking Cargo at through Rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.

THE Steamship

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Hongkong, 5th May, 1903. [554c]

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"CHINA," Captain Mosca, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 16th instant, p.m.

For Information as to Passage and Freight apply to

SANDER, WIELER & Co.,  
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Prince's Buildings.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1903. [451c]

## REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1903. About

"SAGAMI" 15th May.

"CHARLES TIBERGHIEN" 15th June.

For Freight and further information, apply to

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1903. [339c]

## Shipping.

## Arrivals.

Vale of Doon, Br. s.s., 669, Pedersen, 8th May, Rajang and Borneo 12th Apr. Ballast—S. W. & Co.

Benvorlich, Br. s.s., 2,164, R. W. Thomson, 8th May—Moji 3rd May, Coal—G. L. & Co.

Aikie, Br. s.s., 1,492, George, 9th May—Chinkiang 4th May, Gen—G. L. & Co.

Phra Chula Chom Klao, Ger. s.s., 1,568, Bohm, 9th May—Bangkok 1st May, and Koh-si-chang 2nd, Rice—B. & S.

Hanyang, Br. s.s., 1,207, Caswell, 9th May—Chinkiang 4th May, Gen—B. & S.

Thales, Br. s.s., 820, Robson, 9th May—Fochow 6th May, Amoy 7th, and Swatow 8th, Gen—D. L. & Co.

Yunnan, Br. s.s., 1,206, Benson, 9th May—Chinkiang 4th May, Rice—B. & S.

Ayr, Br. s.s., 1,995, W. H. Gibson, 9th May—Kutchinofu 3rd May, Coals—M. B. K.

Changsha, Br. s.s., 1,463, T. Moore, 9th May—Sydney and Melbourne 18th Apr. Gen—B. & S.

Maiduru Maru, Jap. s.s., 667, T. Saito, 9th May—Amoy 7th May, and Swatow 8th, Gen—O. S. K.

Kaner, Swed. s.s., 697, Peterson, 9th May—Chefoo 1st May, Rice—S. W. & Co.

Tottenham, Br. s.s., 2,943, T. B. Peters, 9th May—Bristol Channel 27th Mar, Coal—Order.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Daijin Maru, for Swatow.

Pilzauhof, for Swatow.

Sam Cheong, for Canton.

Hanyang, for Canton.

Rohilla Maru, for Manila.

Lucia, for Quinhon.

Jacob Diederichsen, for Pakhoi.

Kaner, for Canton.

Altaicrag, for Kutchinofu.

## Departures.

May 9.

## Coromandel, for Europe.

Valetta, for Shanghai.

Tatung, for Kobe.

Rinaldi, for Wei-lai-wei.

Rubi, for Manila.

Fochow, for Canton.

Strassburg, for Shanghai.

Vervina, for Moji.

Hyson, for Shanghai.

Triumph, for Wuhu.

Huron, for Moji.

Hansa, for Chinkiang.

Hanyang, for Canton.

Meisao, for Canton.

Rohilla Maru, for Manila.

Passengers arrived.

Per P. C. K'ao, from Bangkok, &c.—Messrs. Cohen, Cropper, Campbell, and 8 Chinese.

Per Thales, from Coast Ports—Miss E. M. Glenke, Miss Aston, Messrs. Ohlinger, Macdonald, Hastings, Stanfield, Pang Tsue Cho, and 39 Chinese.

Per Changsha, from Australian Ports—Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Stockwell, Miss Wilkinson, Master Stockwell, Messrs. McBean, Donald, Capt. Bennett, Messrs. Darrell, Elmore, Mr. and A. B. Lewis, For Marseille—Mr. L. King, For Colombo—Messrs. Rubio and Vance. For Penang—Messrs. T. Swaby, Chan Yip Tong, Ho Jon Ting, Chan Tung Shang, Chan Tat Cho, Tsue Po Che, Chan Chik Tung, Tam Show, Lew Siu Cheun, Cheu Moon Sui, Mrs. Lo Sing Lin, Mrs. Tse Wai, Mrs. Chang Hang Ye, and Miss Tse Cock. For Singapore—Messrs. W. B. Wilkinson, Li Chik Shang and Li Lau.

Per Valetta, from Hongkong for Shanghai—Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Ferris, Messrs. J. D. Farrell, R. J. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon, Messrs. C. M. Muchie, Markham, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. George, Mrs. H. E. Heacock, Dr. and Mrs. Marshall, Miss Hancock, Mr. Glass, Mrs. Sawyer, Mr. W. E. Guerin, Misses E. Guerin, M. Gail, Mrs. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Messrs. J. R. Geary, J. K. Tweed, Staff-Sergt. Ancombe, and Mr. Wheeler.

Per Yuensang, for Manila—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hillen, Miss E. A. Hoyle, Messrs. I. B. Silvers, Mrs. Courcy, Messrs. Achilles Valentini, Juan Jorales, R. F. Gray, and 8 Chinese.

Per Kawachi Maru, for Japan—Mr. and Mrs. Adachi and children, Mr. and Mrs. Marquardt, Mr. and Mrs. Deacon, Messrs. Shields, Orstner, Mrs. C. B. Hampshire, Messrs. Witner, Mr. W. Cameron, W. T. Roane, T. O. Rinker, G. H. Wright, A. F. Caldas, Mr. and Mrs. Gasille and 3 children, Messrs. Wing Chong Wah, H. Tsutuda, T. Sato, Lo Shew Ki and child, O. Hiramoto, E. Carain, Chan Kum Chuen, K. Nagamine, Chow King Ming, Shu Zan Chung, and Miss Fugikawa.

Per Rohilla Maru, for Manila—Miss J. N. Child, Mrs. Tai A. Lin, Mr. S. E. Norris, Mr. S. Talmie, Messrs. Ng A. Sig, N. Shinkasa, Mrs. H. Hiroaki, Messrs. Joo My Gee, Lim Chuy Tay, J. Galt, Lai Sing, Jeng Hing Siong, H. Kunimoto and Hejie.

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shall, Miss Hancock, Mr. Glass, Mrs. Sawye  
Mr. W. E. Guerin, Misses E. Gutrim, J.  
Gail, Mrs. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Mitche  
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Thetis ...	cruiser	Hongkong
Tweed ...	coast g.-b...	Yagata
Vestal ...	survey	Japan
Waterwitch	survey	Hongkong
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